

REMARKS

This responds to the non-final Office Action dated 22 July 2008, and the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment dated 16 March 2009. Claims 1, 4-7, 9-20, 22 and 34-42 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the canceled claims in a continuing application. Claims 23, 27 and 32 have been amended. New claims 43-53 have been added as claims depending from claim 23. Support for the amendments and the new claims can be found variously throughout the specification and drawings. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 23-32 and 43-53 are presently pending in this application, each of which Applicant believes is in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Interview Summary

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended in the interview dated 9 July 2008. During the interview, the Examiner and Applicant's representatives agreed that the finality of the Office Action dated 13 May 2008 would be withdrawn and that a new non-final Office Action would be issued. The Examiner further indicated that claim 23 would be allowable over the prior art of record if amended to include additional structural limitations unique to a video game cockpit, such as a controller mount, a monitor mount, and a pedal mount.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-7, 9-20, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2005/0009611 to Masaya et al. in view of

U.S. Patent No. 4,639,007 to Lawrence. In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 23-32 and 34-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Masaya in view of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0129489 to Brasseal et al. ("Brasseal"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. As noted above, claims 1, 4-7, 9-20, 22 and 34-42 have been canceled, rendering this rejection moot as to those claims.

In accordance with the discussion during the interview dated 9 July 2008, Applicant has amended independent claim 23 to recite a controller platform, a monitor stand, and a pedal platform. Masaya and Brasseal fail to disclose or render obvious a portable video game cockpit that is collapsible according to the limitations of claim 23, and further includes a controller platform, a monitor stand, and a pedal platform. Therefore, claim 23 is allowable over the cited art.

Moreover, aside from the novel features recited therein, claims 24-32 are also allowable at least by virtue of their dependency upon allowable base claims 23. Applicant respectfully requests, therefore, that the rejection of claims 24-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn, and these claims be allowed.

New Claims

New claims 43-53 have been added as dependent claims from claim 23. In addition to the novel features recited therein, Applicant submits that claims 43-53 are allowable for at least the reason they are dependent upon an allowable base claim. Consideration and allowance of new claims 43-53 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes that each of the presently pending claims in this application is in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests a favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any further comments or suggestions, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney to expedite the handling of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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